

REMARKS

Claims 8-10 and 26-35 are pending and have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 8-10 and 30, directed to an aqueous disinfectant and an aqueous solution of silver citrate; and

Group II: Claims 26-29 and 31-35, directed to a process of making an improved aqueous disinfectant.

The Examiner requests that one of the groups of claims be elected for examination. Although the restriction requirement is traversed for the reasons set forth below, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 8-10 and 30, for examination.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed with respect to the division of the claims of Group I from the claims of Group II. While the claims of Groups I and II are patentably distinct, it is submitted that a thorough search of the claims of either group will likely reveal art relevant to the examination of the claims of the other group. Thus, a search of the claims of Group I will likely reveal information relevant to the examination of the claims of Group II and, therefore, division of the claims into these groups would result in duplicative searches. Therefore, examination of the claims of Group I with the claims of Group II together should not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 8-10 and 30, for examination. Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be reconsidered and that the claims of Group I be examined with the claims of Group II. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any questions.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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